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SUBJECT: KAGNEW PHASE-DOWN, TRACTS A&E

WATER/ELECTRICITY

REF: STATE 114888

1. ON 6 JUNE, CONGEN INFORMED BY LETTER VICE MIN SOLOMON TEKLE OF OPTIONS POSED IN REF, AFTER AMEMBASSY UNSUCCESSFUL IN CONTACTING ATO ZEGAYE ABERRA, IEG HEAD JOINT COMMISSION. SAME DAY I MET WITH DR. MESFUN, DIRGEN PUBLIC HEALTH FOR ERITREA. WE DISCUSSED OPTIONS AND HE SAID MPH PREFERRED CASH COMPENSATION. MPH WOULD HAVE TO PAY DUTY ON FUEL, USG DOES NOT.

2. ON 7 JUNE COM TEKIE, IEN PRESENTED LETTER FROM COMM TASSEW DESTA, IEN, INFORMING ME A PORTION OF TRACT A HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO IEN. HE REQUESTED THAT WATER AND ELECTRICITY BE SUPPLIED BY CONTRACTOR AT PREVIOUS RATE, UNTIL ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE WITH SEDAO. IEN PREFERS DIRECT CASH COMPENSATION.

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3. WHILE COM. TEKIE IN MY OFFICE, I CALLED SOLOMON

TO REQUEST IEG CLARIFICATION OF TENANTS ON
TRACTS A&E WHO COULD NEGOTIATE UTILITY CONTRACT
WITH USG. (I HAD REQUESTED THIS BY LETTER 31 MAY.
WITH NO REPLY). HE REPLIED THAT DECISION TO BE
MADE IN ADDIS AND EMBASSY SHOULD PRESS FOR ONE.

4. MPH HAS CONTRACT WITH HOPE, APPROVED BY
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, TO UTILIZE TRACT E. MOD
HAS ASSIGNED TRACT A TO THE IEN, IF ONLY
ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. IN LIGHT OF JELLY FISH
STANCE OF IEG SIDE JOINT COMMISSION, IS THE
USG WILLING AND ABLE TO
NEGOTIATE UTILITY CONTRACTS WITH MPH AND IEN
WITHOUT BLESSINGS OF JOINT COMMISSION?
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